

Thoburn

Reviews Difficulties Encountered in Gather- ing Statistics

Secretary Thoburn, of the territorial board of agriculture, is engaged in an endeavor to secure data for agricultural statistics from the several county clerks of the territory. Thus far he has received returns from less than half the clerks. The returns thus far received are none of them entirely complete though, with one or two exceptions, they are sufficient to afford a good basis for statistical computation.

A few of the county clerks have been prompt in making the return, while others have been disposed to question the expediency of making any return at all, for the reason that the assessors' returns were not always complete. The assessors very generally blame the people for refusing to divulge statistical information, and seemingly with some show of reason, for the law provides no penalty for such refusal. Then, in their turn, the people can censure the secretary of the board of agriculture for his failure to compile a statistical report of agriculture and kindred industries of the territory.

There is a good old fashioned notion prevalent in some parts of Oklahoma to the effect that agricultural statistics are collected by governmental agencies of state and nation for the express purpose of giving advance tips to bucket shop speculators and grain pit operators. Like other popular fallacies, this would be important if true. In speaking of this subject today, Secretary Thoburn said:

"If the people who repeat this worn out charge would only pause to consider for a moment its absurdity would be apparent. The figures which we are striving to secure for compilation were gathered by the assessors nearly four months ago. It may be a month or more before all of the data is returned to this office. Then it will be two or three months more before the figures can be compiled by the limited office force at the command of the board and arranged for printing. If speculative interests were dependent upon such sources for their information, they would cut very little figure in the markets for obvious reasons. As a matter of fact, the speculators gather their information independent of any governmental agency. For instance, here is a circular letter from a railway official connected with a large eastern transportation system, who is stationed at Kansas City. It relates to the broom corn outlook of Kansas and Oklahoma, and, as the compiler states in a private note, these circular letters are furnished gratis to all large factories throughout the east. From this circular I quote in part as follows for the reason that it gives a hint as to the method by which such information is gathered by private or speculative agencies:

"After a thorough canvass of the entire broom corn raising districts of Oklahoma, I find that between August 1, 1903, and April 1, 1904, the railroads transported from Oklahoma 1011 cars of broom corn (about 2,700 tons) a decrease of 141 cars (about 1580 tons) as compared with the corresponding period for the year previous, during which time they handled 1155 cars (about 11200 tons). The yield per acre throughout Oklahoma during the season of 1903 was so varied and light that it is useless, in the absence of official statistics, to attempt to estimate the acreage.

"Correspondents without exception, agree that the acreage for 1904 is very materially increased over that of 1903. Estimates vary in different sections; some counties, which have raised very little broom corn of late years, have increased their acreage from 100 to 200 per cent this season on account of the failure of the wheat crop, while other counties, that have had a large acreage the last two or three years, report an increase of 15 to 25 per cent and I believe that a total increase of 30 per cent over 1903 will be a conservative estimate of the 1904 acreage."

Continuing, Secretary Thoburn said: "The ostrich may hide his head in the sand if he will but he cannot keep the sun from shining. In other words, from the foregoing quotation from the circular of information it is evident that the speculative interests will be kept thoroughly posted on crop areas and conditions even if the individual farmer does grow non-communicative while he receives an official call from the assessor. On the other hand reliable agricultural statistics are of almost direct benefit to the

farmer if, by intelligent action, he strives to avail himself of their value. The speculators achieve success, not so much because of his knowledge but because of the lack of information, (not to say willful ignorance) of other men whose undoubted privilege it is to possess themselves of the same knowledge if they would. While values are always determined largely by the law of supply and demand, speculative profits must depend in an equal degree upon the intelligence of the producing class.

"It is certainly to be hoped that there may be a more general and hearty co-operation in the work of securing statistical data for Oklahoma."

INDIAN TERRITORY ANXIOUS.

What a New Administration Would Mean to Politicians.

Special to Daily Leader.

Muskogee, I. T., July 15.—Although the people of Indian territory are not entitled to a vote in the approaching presidential election there is no state in the union where the people are more vitally affected, for a change of administration means the distribution of so much patronage. This is doubly interesting because the Democratic platform specifically provides for the appointment of home men in all territories, something which has never been known in Indian territory. There are more good places at the disposal of the administration, in Indian territory, than in the combined offices of the state and federal appointments in any one of a majority of the western states. There are fifteen federal appointments in Indian territory that pay an annual salary of \$5,000 each, twenty that pay \$4,000 and twenty that pay \$2,500 to \$3,000. In addition to these are the smaller appointments.

The \$5,000 Class Has Fifteen Places. In the \$5,000 class are the three members of the citizenship court and school superintendent. In the \$4,000 class are four United States marshals, four clerks of courts, four United States attorneys and four United States judges. In the Indian division are the agent and inspector each at \$4,000, and two mining trustees at the same figure. In the \$3,000 and \$2,500 class there is a revenue inspector who gets \$3,000 per year. Each of the four marshals, clerks and district attorneys have a chief clerk who draws \$2,500 a year. The secretary to the Dawes commission gets \$2,500 and the chief law clerk \$2,000 and the disbursing officer receives an equal salary. There are seven towns site commissioners who draw \$2,500 and the supervising engineer gets \$2,000.

The heads of the different departments average about \$1,500 a year and there are forty appointments that pay from \$1,500 to \$1,800 a year. This includes the twenty-three United States commissioners who draw \$1,500 each. In addition to all these there are 175 employees on the Dawes commission and fifty in the Indian offices that draw average salaries of \$1,000.

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A Change Would Mean a Clean Sweep

A change of administration, were the president so disposed, would mean a clean sweep of the state from top to bottom. A great many of these appointees, perhaps one-third, are Democrats, but a president who wanted to build a machine would not hesitate to replace them with other Democrats of his own choosing. Many of the appointments are for four years and would probably carry the incumbent up to statehood, but a Democratic president and a Democratic cabinet could reap a harvest of resignations in order that they might shake their own plum trees.

These offices do not include the postoffices of Indian territory, which would also have new postmasters. There are seventy-five presidential

postoffices in the territory. The best of these pay salaries of \$2,500 to the postmasters and \$1,300 to his first assistant. In addition to the presidential offices, there are more than 600 other postoffices that could be supplied with Democratic postmasters.

The Indian territory is more intensely interested in the outcome of the present national campaign than any state in the union, first, because of the possible distribution of spoils, and second, because of the influence a change of administration may have upon the admission of the territories to statehood.

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